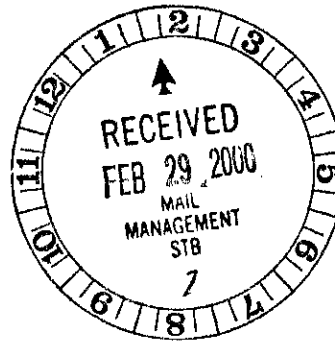


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Dear Sir,

Mohawk Lubricants Ltd. is an used oil re-refinery that relies heavily on rail service in the U.S. and Canada for both the receipt of feed stock and the sale of finished product. The purpose of this letter is to comment on the issues to be discussed on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2000 in Ex Parte 582.

With our location in the Northwest, we have dealt extensively for many years with both CN and BN. We have a strong relationship with both companies and have seen many changes in both companies over the years. While we are all concerned with pricing and service issues that result from mergers or potential mergers, the recent merger between IC and CN was transparent to us. Our interest is in an efficient, cost effective service that can support our business needs. We would support a merger that resulted in a stronger company that was able to maintain or improve surface levels at similar or lower costs.

We are confident that the Surface Transportation Board has a comprehensive process to evaluate railroad transactions and that they will include all relevant information in order to best serve the public interest including the shippers who are dependant on this service.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Stevens", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Stevens  
Refinery Sales Manager  
Mohawk Lubricants Ltd.